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CASE #: OI-HQ-2018-ADM-0039

CROSS REFERENCE #:

TITLE: Allegation of Inappropriate Lobbying

INTERVIEWEE (if applicable): (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

PREPARED BY: SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**MEMORANDUM OF ACTIVITY
INTERVIEW**

NARRATIVE:

On April 26, 2018, Special Agents (SA) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Office of Investigation (OI), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), conducted an interview of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) EPA. The interview was conducted in reference to a fact-finding inquiry pursuant to a Congressional request to "develop a comprehensive factual record for instances where possible violations of the Antideficiency Act and the publicity or propaganda and anti-lobbying provisions of the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CSA) of 2017, may have occurred, during an April 2017 meeting between Administrator Pruitt and the National Mining Association."

Prior to commencing the interview, OIG agents introduced themselves to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) presented their EPA OIG law enforcement credentials for review, and explained the nature of the interview. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) provided the following information in summary and non-verbatim:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) accompanied Administrator Pruitt to the meeting with the (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) National Mining Association (NMA). According to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Administrator Pruitt gave a speech to the attendees; however, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) does not remember him mentioning the Paris Climate Change (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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Agreement. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) added that the meeting with the NMA was a closed event and no media was present. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) did not provide additional information concerning the matter under review.

Prior to terminating the interview, (b) (6), (b) (7) was asked the following questions:

On April 24, 2017, Mr. Pruitt attended a meeting with the National Miners Association in Naples Florida. During said meeting, did Mr. Pruitt suggest to the National Miners Association to support the US withdrawal from the Paris Climate Change Agreement?

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) response "no."

Did you hear Mr. Pruitt ask any of the National Miners Association members to pressure the President into withdrawing from the Paris Climate Change Agreement?

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) response "no."

During said meeting, did you suggest to the National Miners Association to support the US withdrawal from the Paris Climate Change Agreement?

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) response "no."

Did you hear any EPA employee who attended said meeting to suggest to the National Mining Association that they should support or pressure the President into withdrawing from the Paris Climate Change Agreement?

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) response "no."

As (b) (6), (b) (7) had no further pertinent information the interview was concluded.

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